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MEMORANDUM

TO: Diocesan Priests, Deacons, Parish Offices, School Principals, School Offices,
and Diocesan Staff

FROM: +Most Reverend Gerald E. Wilkerson
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SUBJECT: Fires in California

DATE: November 19, 2018

The tremendous loss from the Camp Fire and Woolsey Fire and the nearby areas is heartbreaking. Our prayers are with the families in Paradise, Malibu and the surrounding communities who are affected by the fires.

The fires have claimed up to 80 lives, along with thousands of homes and businesses destroyed. Many families are suffering enormous losses due to the fire. Some with very little have lost everything.

Parishioners wishing to donate money to assist those in need may do so in the following ways:

- **Donate by mail:**
 - Send checks to the Diocese of Sacramento Fire Assistance Fund, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818
 - Send checks to the Archdiocese of LA Wildfire Fund, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, 3424 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90010-2241
- **Donate by phone:**
 - Call the Catholic Foundation (Sacramento) at (916) 733-0266
 - Call the Archdiocese of LA Wildfire Fund at (213) 637-7672
- **Donate online:**
 - Visit www.scd.org/donate and choose the Fire Assistance Fund
 - Visit www.archla.org/fires to donate to the Archdiocese of LA Wildfire Fund

Sample Intercessions:

- For those who have lost homes, businesses or loved ones in the recent wildfires throughout California, that they may find consolation in trusting that God will provide for all they need. **Let us pray to the Lord.**
- We pray for the eternal rest of those who have died as a result of these fires and pray that those who are missing or are still in harm's way will be found and protected. **Let us pray to the Lord.**
- For our first responders, firefighters and brave men and women battling fires and helping people to safety, that they may be kept safe as they work to restore calm and assist those affected by the wildfires. **Let us pray to the Lord.**